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### **SUMMARY FOR THROUGH 11-1-16-12-4-16**

This report takes us through week 48 of this year. Although down in most statistical categories, we are up by 181 calls for service over last year's record pace. We continue to have numerous interactions with hostile and mentally unstable people.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 11-2-16, our officers were conducting a business check at the 7-11 located at 1810 Cahuenga. A citizen approached and said they were stranded as their car battery had died. Our officers assisted on getting the car started.

On 11-5-16, we responded to a call of a man exposing himself in front of 6250 Hollywood Blvd. He was gone when we arrived, however our officers did see another man running in and out of traffic in the area. He appeared to be either mentally ill or under the influence of some drug or alcohol. We called for assistance from the LAPD, but lost sight of the man before they arrived.

We then received a call of three men setting up tents at 1533 Schrader on the north side of the building. They were blocking the fire exits and agreed to pack up and leave for another location.

On 11-6-16, our officers spotted a fire near 1330 Vine. We called the LAPD and LAFD. Engine 27 handled the fire.

We later contacted a group that had set up a tent encampment against the rear of the YMCA building located at 1553 Schrader. We asked the people to leave and they complied by moving to Selma Park.

A short time later our officers were flagged down at the Chinese Theater. A man had threatened another with a hypodermic needle. Our officers ordered the man to drop the needle and he complied. We then watched him to insure that everyone was safe until the LAPD arrived at the scene.

On 11-7-16, our field supervisor met with a supervisor for Street Plus. They discussed policies for discarding debris, ways to better communicate and to maximize our joint service to both BID's. In another effort to further this goal, Vicky from my staff and I met with Matt of Kerry's staff on 12-1-16 in an effort to ensure that our gathering of stats compliments that of Street Plus. In this way Kerry and her staff will have more accurate information as they plan the best use of limited resources.

Our officers later saw a man violently throwing his backpack onto the sidewalk at Hollywood and Highland. He appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. The



officers made contact as there were many tourists around and the officers feared for their safety. They were able to calm the man and he left the area.

On 11-9-16, our officers were flagged down by LAPD officers at Hollywood and Cherokee. They said that an assault with a deadly weapon had just occurred. An unarmed security guard approached a man who was sleeping on the sidewalk. He asked him to get up. Another man then approached and slashed at the guard with a knife. The officer was bruised, but the knife did not break the skin. The suspect fled the scene. The suspect description was broadcast to our officers, but they were unable to locate him.

On 11-11-16, our officers found a woman sleeping on a mattress and blocking the sidewalk at 1240 Vine. They woke her and she departed. They found three more people sleeping on and blocking the sidewalk a short distance away on La Mirada. They were blocking foot traffic and agreed to relocate.

On 11-12-16, our officers found a large amount of trash and debris in 6600 block of Selma. I noted that Selma Park had been closed the previous day for Veteran's Day. I believe that this displaced the homeless people that have been staying there. It appears that they slept on the sidewalk and left their trash behind. On this date they have moved back into the park.



Later that day we had a fairly unusual incident of poetry theft. Our officers found two groups with encampments completely blocking the sidewalk in front of Ripley's Believe it or Not located at 6780 Hollywood Blvd. One was a man named Christopher who worked as "Superman" for tips on the Blvd. for many years. He has fallen on hard times with addiction issues and we are trying to guide him into services.

Most of the people were cooperative and packed up their stuff. One man was upset and said that an employee at a local business had taken his cardboard sign containing his latest poetry. We tracked down the employee who returned the artwork and everyone left the scene.

On 11-12-16, we received a call of a woman removing her clothing at 6523 Hollywood Blvd. They arrived as did LAPD officers who escorted the woman off the property.



On 11-15-16, we responded to a call of a woman causing a disturbance at the Yucca market located at 1815 Cahuenga. She was about fifty year's old, 5'5" tall and weighing over 400 pounds. She bought a bottle of rum and then became extremely angry for some unknown reason. She started screaming obscenities at the clerk.

Our officers arrived and she started yelling at them. She refused to leave the store. When they finally coaxed her outside she continued yelling profanities at them. She sat in her walker/chair and decided to have a cigarette. She was warned to stay out of the business.

On 11-18-16, we responded to a call of a naked man inside the bathroom of Dunkin Donuts located at 6201 Hollywood Blvd. Our officers asked him to put on his clothing and they then escorted him off the property.

On 11-19-16, our officers responded to a call of trespassers at Triangle Square located at 1602 Ivar. Upon arrival they found that a group called "Dream Center" was passing out food and drinks to a line of about thirty homeless people.

On 11-22-16, a citizen contacted our PSO's and asked why Selma Park was now a homeless encampment. He was very upset that families could no longer use the park. The PSO's tried to explain the issues to the man. He said that it was very sad to see. These types of complaints about the park are common.

On 11-23-16, we responded to a call of a man sleeping on the sidewalk blocking foot traffic at the Vogue Theater located at 6675 Hollywood Blvd. The officers woke the man who was extremely angry. He challenged the officers to fight. They finally convinced the man to leave.

On 11-29-16, we responded to a call regarding a group of transients causing a disturbance at 6300 Sunset. Upon arrival our officers found seven people sitting, lying and blocking the sidewalk. Their possessions were spread all around them. The officers made contact and the group agreed to move on. This is a very common type of call for us.

On 12-1-16, our early morning teams warned fifteen people who were camped on and blocking the sidewalk in the 6600 block of Selma. Our officers returned to the location after 9:00 A.M. and assisted the LAPD as they addressed this same group. The LAPD officers cited several for various violations. The group dispersed. We returned to the location early in the morning on 12-5-16, and the same fifteen people were back at the location.

On 12-2-16, we responded to a call of a man panhandling and refusing to leave the 7-11 store located at 1810 Cahuenga. When contacted, the man became extremely angry. He took a fighting stance. The officers were able to calm him down and thus avoid a physical confrontation. They convinced him to leave, but he again became very angry and aggressive. He finally left the scene.



On 12-5-16, we received a call of a man causing a disturbance at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. The officers were surprised to see that the man was accompanied by three female mannequins. Two were adult and one a child. He had propped them in chairs at a table. He bought four cups of coffee and placed the cups in front of each guest. He then used a funnel to pour coffee down the throat of one of the mannequins.

Our officers made contact although he did not appear to be breaking any law. He said he wanted information about a Veterans Administration hospital as he needed help. While one officer got him the information, the man told the other officer that he has sex with these friends on a regular basis. He said he once partied with all of them at the same time. He also said that one of his mannequins was recently stolen and raped.

Our officers gave this troubled man directions to the nearest hospital. He declined any assistance from us and then left the location.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 11-1-16 Andrews Security training
- 2) 11-2-16 PAL fundraiser
- 3) 11-3-16 H+H Retail
- 4) 11-8-16 SBID Board
- 5) 11-8-16 CES Outreach
- 6) 11-8-16 HHOT Outreach
- 7) 11-9-16 LAPD Crime Control
- 8) 11-16-16 LAPD Crime Control
- 9) 11-17-16 HBID Board
- 10) 11-17-16 H+H Retail
- 11) 11-23-16 LAPD Crime Control
- 12) 11-24-16 H+H Retall
- 13) 11-30-16 LAPD Crime Control
- 14) 12-1-16 H+H Retail
- 15) 12-2-16 First Friday
- 16) 12-2-16 Staff-Stats for 2017

### **OUTREACH:**

On 11-1-16, our PSO's spoke to the homeless Franklin at 6838 Hollywood Blvd. He said that all his property, including the basketball we gave him, had been stolen. He lost his part time job. Our officers gave him outreach information and will try to assist.

On 11-7-16, our officers contacted 31 year old Geraldo who was aggressively panhandling at the 7-11 located at 1810 Cahuenga. He said that he is a full blown heroin addict and that he has been in our area for about a year. He said that he left Philadelphia after his girlfriend murdered their baby and then shot herself. They offered outreach information, but he was not interested at this moment in time. We will continue to monitor.



On 11-7-16, one of our teams was on patrol when they saw a man lying on the roadway on Highland and Hollywood. Concerned for his safety, they stopped and asked him to move to the sidewalk. He did so and claimed that he did not have any medical issues. He then walked off southbound on Highland.

On 11-18-16, our outreach worker met 35 year old Bryan. He was camped out under the trees at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1547 Cahuenga. His legs were covered in open sores which he said were caused by parasites. He was advised of free medical services and said that he would respond for treatment. He has been living on the streets for 17 years. He is from Long Beach and his drug of choice is heroin.

On 11-19-16, we received a call of a female passed out at the Outpost Bar located at 1624 Cahuenga. Upon arrival our officers tried to rouse the woman without success. They then advised the manager to call paramedics who arrived and treated the woman at the scene.

In November of 2016, we began getting calls regarding a woman that was living on a bus bench in front of AMDA located at 6383 Yucca. This became a daily routine. Callers said that she had a huge amount of property and that she would urinate and defecate on herself causing a foul odor as well as a health hazard. Our officers contacted the woman, but she refused to give us her name and refused all offers of help.

Our morning officers then began taking our new outreach worker (Max) to the woman's location. He slowly began the process of building a rapport with her. On one of his meetings with her Max gave her his sunglasses which seemed to go a long ways towards breaking the ice.

Max told me that he believed the woman's first name was Vanessa. She is a female white with blue eyes. She has badly swollen legs with open blisters and is in need of medical attention. She urinates and defecates on herself and this soaks her injured legs. We then realized that Vanessa was in immediate need of assistance. I contacted the Department of Mental Health.

On 11-21-16, Max and a concerned citizen met with Vanessa. They bought two suitcases and loaded up all of Vanessa's belongings. Max also packed up all her trash and debris. Max called for paramedics and they responded and took Vanessa to Kaiser Hospital. We transported her property there as well. I then contacted the Department of Mental Health and they advised they would attempt to contact Vanessa at the hospital and offer their assistance.

We called Street Plus and they responded to the scene and cleaned the area. We will attempt to monitor this ongoing situation.





Before



After

On 12-5-16, our outreach worker spoke to an elderly woman at 1715 Whitley. She was walking around with no shoes and had clear hygiene issues. It appeared that she was staying in a hotel on Whitley, but it was obvious that she was in need of assistance. Our worker discussed possible ways in which we could help her. We will follow up on this meeting.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 263 arrests. Seventeen were for drinking in public, 163 for alcohol referrals, 6 for urinating in public, 35 for trespass, 6 for battery, 10 for blocking the sidewalk, 5 for theft, 5 for miscellaneous misdemeanor, and 16 felonies. We also made 540 homeless referrals, assisted 63 agencies, provided 848 foot beat patrols for a total of 1349 hours, assisted 8836 citizens, handled 3449 radio calls for service and made 15,541 business contacts.



In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 102 arrests. Ten were for drinking in public, 55 for alcohol referrals, 3 for urinating in public, 14 for trespass, 4 for battery, 8 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 3 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 3 felonies. We also made 471 homeless referrals, assisted 33 agencies, provided 194 foot beat patrols for a total of 233 hours, assisted 5427 citizens, handled 2386 radio calls for service, and made 3058 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 365 arrests. Twenty seven for drinking in public, 218 for alcohol referrals, 9 for urinating in public, 49 for trespass, 10 for battery, 18 for blocking the sidewalk, 7 for theft, 8 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 19 felonies. We also made a combined total of 1011 homeless referrals, assisted 96 agencies, provided 1042 foot beat patrols for a total of 1582 hours, assisted 14,263 citizens, handled 5835 radio calls for service, and made 18,599 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 11-16-16, at about 9:15 A.M., we responded to a call of two men fighting in front of 6331 Hollywood Blvd. (Scientology). One man was shirtless and was swinging a belt at the other. There were many pedestrians in the area. A local security guard said that the man had attacked an elderly couple. Our officers, in fear for the people in the area, ordered the man to drop the belt. After some time he did drop it. The officers then got between the suspect and the pedestrians.

The man then walked into traffic on Hollywood Blvd., causing an instant traffic jam. We contained the suspect while awaiting the arrival of the LAPD. The man was almost hit several times by passing cars. We continued to keep the people away from the suspect. LAPD officers arrived and the man ran into the Scientology building. The man fought furiously and a Taser was deployed. He was finally placed under arrest and taken to the hospital for treatment. We were told that several LAPD officers received treatment as well due to injuries sustained while making the arrest.

On 11-16-16, at about 7:45A.M., we responded to a call of a man trespassing at the Sunset Towers located at 6430 Sunset Blvd. We were told that they would warn the man to leave. He would do so, but then would return immediately. As our officers arrived they saw the man (Jasper) returning to the property.

The officers asked him to leave several times. Jasper did not respond. He was finally placed under arrest for trespass. We took Jasper to the LAPD Station. He refused to speak. The officers placed a 5150 hold on Jasper as all concerned formed the opinion that Jasper was unable to care for himself.

On 11-27-16, at about 7:00 A.M., we received a call that the manager of the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. had been attacked by a man who had fled the scene. The manager sustained several lacerations on his forehead.



About an hour later, our officers found the suspect on Hollywood Blvd. They engaged him in conversation in order to stall him until the LAPD could respond. The LAPD officers arrived and placed the man under arrest for battery.

On 12-1-16, we received a call of a disruptive customer at 6324 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival our officers learned that a man had tried to make a purchase with a counterfeit twenty dollar bill. When confronted by the employee, he hurriedly left leaving the bill behind. The officers saw that it was indeed fake. They told the employee to call the LAPD and our officers started searching for the suspect.

The officers spotted a man who matched the description. He was walking out of the alley at 6420 Hollywood Blvd. He had changed his T-shirt. He went to a business called Ritual located at 6440 Hollywood Blvd. He came out after five minutes and headed south on Wilcox. The officers entered Ritual and learned that the suspect had tried to pass a phony ten dollar bill.

Our officers found the suspect entering the Gay and Lesbian Center at 1625 Schrader. The officers called the LAPD who responded. They found suspect Alvaro in a third floor bathroom and placed him under arrest for counterfeiting.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

### TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period, our officers received training in gate access, heat exhaustion, live fire range training, defensive tactics and legal update.